

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated December 10, 2004. The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Brock for pointing out that, the Terminal Disclaimer required two co-pending U.S. patent applications, 10/466,145 and 10/716,249. In the previous response faxed on November 1, 2004, the Applicants properly disclaimed only one co-pending patent application, 10/466,145. The Examiner rejected claims 1-10, 15, and 17 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over 13-19 of co-pending Application No. 10/466,145 and under claims 6-13 of co-pending Application No. 10/716,249. The Applicants in this response have revised the terminal disclaimer to include both the 10/466,145 and 10/716,249 co-pending applications. Accordingly, with the revised terminal disclaimer attached hereto, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that in the November 1, 2004 response, the claims were amended to distinguish over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above remarks, and the revised terminal disclaimer, along with the amendment to the claims in the November 1, 2004 response is respectfully requested. The Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

PLEASE CALL the undersigned if that would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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